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WITH SECRETARIES SIMON AND MORTON ON GAS PRICE INCREASES

1. BOTH MONTREAL GAZETTE AND TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL OF
SEPTEMBER 24 REPORT THAT ENERGY, MINE

2. MACDONALD MET IN DETROIT WITH SECRETARIES SIMON AND MORTON
AND EXPLAINED CANADIAN PRICE INCREASES IN NATURAL GAS EXPORTS
TO U.S.

2. GAZETTE ARTICLE QUOTES MACDONALD AS SAYING THAT HE DIDN'T
THINK U.S. WAS SURPRISED BY SHARP PRICE HIKE BUT AMERICANS
WERE MAINLY "DISAPPOINTED" IN THE ACTION. MACDONALD REPORTEDLY
TOLD SIMON AND MORTON THAT CANADA IS CONSIDERING FURTHER
INCREASES TO AN EVENTUAL \$1.50 TO 1.87 PER MCF. MACDONALD
IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SIMON AND MORTON TOLD HIM
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THAT WASHINGTON WILL NOT RETALIATE.

3. GLOBE AND MAIL STORY STATES THAT MACDONALD SAID
U.S. OFFICIALS WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT PRICES TO U.S.
WERE RAISED WITHOUT CORRESPONDING INCREASE TO CANADIAN
CONSUMERS. MACDONALD SAID HE EXPLAINED TO U.S. THAT
"WE WOULD EXPECT THE GAS PRICE TO GO UP IN CANADA,
BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN THE SAME TIME FRAMES. IT'S
BEINGPHASED IN RELATION TO THE CANADIAN OIL PRICE."
MACDONALD ALSO DREW A COMPARISON THAT "U.S. COAL TO
CANADA HASGONE UP ABOUT 50 PERCENT IN THE PAST YEAR
AND WE HAVEN'T COMPLAINED AT ALL."
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